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## **Board Votes on Supervisors Ridley-Thomas and Knabe Redevelopment Reform Motion**

**Los Angeles—** The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors today supported efforts to reform California's redevelopment agency laws by strengthening their accountability for the production of low- to moderate-income housing.

The motion, introduced by Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas and co-authored by Supervisor Don Knabe, places the Board on record in support of SB 450, sponsored by Sen. Alan Lowenthal (D-Long Beach). It also reaffirms the Board's commitment to improving the administration of redevelopment agencies, as their wholesale elimination as proposed by the governor appears stalled in the Legislature.

The legislation would require redevelopment agencies to spend at least 70 percent of low-to-moderate housing funds on production, rehabilitation or the preservation of housing for extremely- low to low- income households. In addition, 20 percent of those funds must be spent on rental housing for intervals of extremely-low income. Furthermore, it requires the replacement of low to moderate income housing destroyed as a result of redevelopment activities within four years.

The bill also would limit planning and administration expenses to no more than 15 percent, as well as restrict the use of certain housing funds for construction and rehabilitation.

Lastly, the legislation would subject agencies to penalties if they fail to use funds to purchase land that is not developed within five years.

“Existing law does not address redevelopment policies with regard to the administrative expenses associated with low- and moderate-income housing,” said Supervisor Ridley-Thomas. “This legislation will hold redevelopment agencies, such as the county’s Community Development Commission, accountable for using funds in a way that fulfills its core mission.”

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